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Summary

Sage and Rosemary become closer friends with a girl who can change into a magical warrior lady with a tiara and a cape, and a catgirl, plus a magical queen and a tech master with a bow and arrow. In the process, games are played, shocking secrets are revealed, faces turn the color of strawberries, and emotions are spilled. Some try to get a rise out of others because they want to mess with them. As friendships and relationships are strengthened, at Bow's suggestion, one ex-princess, the one-and-only Entrapta, figures out a way for Sage and Rose to return to Lyngarth. Will she be successful? Or will her newfound propensity to not wear clothes and her kissing sessions with Hordak get in the way? You'll have to read to find out.

Notes

The original draft of this story was a SPOP-centered fic but I only wrote about 700 words of that. I decided to dramatically change course on 1/12/26, to serve as a second part (and continuation) of a fic I wrote on January 18th of last year, listed in the inspirations, entitled "Adora's Big Announcement and Unexpected Visitors to Bright Moon." In an updated version of that fic, on Squidge World (listed in inspirations), I added in more about Rose and Sage. This fic is loosely set after my story "Adora, Catra, Rose, Sage, Casta, and Others... Celebrate Good Times", published in April, is listed in the inspirations as well, with an entire paragraph about Rose and Sage, as they have a cameo. The final draft for this fic was added on August 16th, coming in at 4,059 words long.

On January 12th, I was able to salvage part of the original draft and incorporate it into this one, so it wasn't a wasted effort. I uncovered this fic again on July 1st after it was saved on my computer under the wrong name: "A Day to Remember," which referred to another fic I had written, two versions of which I published on this account earlier this year. Both are slight inspirations for this one.

On July 1st, I decided to add this story to the Fluffy July AO3 collection, fulfilling the prompts for days 12 (Oblivious | "Stop staring at me like that or I might fall in love with you") and 14 (Accidental Love Confession | "You stayed?"), particularly the first half of it, plus one the alt prompts ("Alt 1: Found Family") at the very least. I found out about Sapphic September in early August and after looking through the prompts, this fic fulfills:

- Day 2: quest (Sapphic September 2022)
- Day 2: voyage (Sapphic September 2025)
- Day 6: princess (Sapphic September 2022)

- Day 6: experiment (Sapphic September 2023)
- Day 17: royalty (Sapphic September 2022)
- Day 24: magic (Sapphic September 2021)
- Day 25: space (Sapphic September 2021)

Comments and concrit are completely welcome.

Like my other fics, this was cross-posted on Squidge World (as part of a series entitled "The Aftermath of Victory" which compiles this fic and four other parts: "Adora's Big Announcement and Unexpected Visitors to Bright Moon" (the original and updated version), "Adora, Catra, Rose, Sage, Casta and Others... Celebrate Good Times", and this fic), Quotev, and Wattpad. On all three sites, this story is entitled "Rose, Sage, and the Best Friend Squad". It will later be added to Internet Archive.

See the end of the work for more notes

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- Inspired by Adora's Big Announcement and Unexpected Visitors to Bright Moon [Updated Version] by lefemmerouge [on Squidge World]
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Sage and Rosemary had unexpectedly arrived in the kingdom of Bright Moon earlier that day. They had unintentionally interrupted a meeting of Princess Alliance, perhaps for one last time, where Adora had announced that Catra was her girlfriend, embarrassing her without question. Castaspella had decreed that there would be a huge celebration to celebrate their accomplishment, since their kiss saved the universe after all. Although Sage and Rosemary seemed harmless, people were still on edge after everything that happened with Horde Prime. No one could blame them for that.

Rosemary and Adora had stopped sparring. They had joined Catra and Sage back in the room that Catra and Adora shared with one another. Some time later, they all ate a meal together in the dining room. It was a bit awkward, since Catra and Adora had really wanted to be alone. Even so, it was painfully obvious that these two girls were hurting in their own way. Adora wanted to help.

Adora started off. "So, Rose, where'd you learn to fight like that?" She blushed at the question. "I trained with my mom...who gave me Flowering Thorn...then she just disappeared one day...and..." Rose started crying, remembering how she'd never seen her mother again, how she vaguely remembered her disappearing into a mass of dark energy. She didn't even know if that was real, or if she had just conjured it up in her imagination. Catra was not necessarily as interested in all of this. She just wanted to spend time with Adora. She hoped these two... unwelcome visitors would leave them alone.

Catra ate her sandwich, expertly made by Bow, who had made a bunch for the Best Friend Squad. They were stored them in an icebox of some kind that Frosta had created, a little like a mini-fridge. Sage's eyes stared right at the catgirl. She knew this young witch was looking at her. Out of nowhere, Bow and Glimmer walked in. Catra knew just the way to get a rise out of them. She smiled mischievously.

"You know, when I was your enemy, *Adora*...your good friends Sparkles and Arrow-Boy captured me..." She then added the kicker. "So, they tied me up and they were trying to bring me back to Bright Moon...they even put a gag in my mouth." Bow and Glimmer looked at her with horror. As for Adora, she could only smile. She had no idea what in the world Catra was getting at. She chuckled. "Maybe you can do that with me...*sometime*...in bed." Her friend's faces turned scarlet red. What in the world was she talking about? Why would she even say that?

At that very moment, Rose turned to Sage and said, without any knowledge of what Adora, or Catra, were actually implying, "I'd love to do the same thing to you too, my cute blueberry." Sage's face turned as red as that of Bow and Glimmer. She really didn't know what she was saying! Not at all. She pulled Rose out of the room and whispered to her. "You know they are talking about...*a sexual thing*...right?" Her friend nodded. Now she was even more confused. Rose really wanted to do that to her? She held up her hands. Her face became crimson-colored. "I'm so sorry, Sage...I only want to do what's comfortable with you...I don't want to anything that would..." Her friend cut her off. She shook her head. She kept thinking that if Rose continued staring at her like that, she might fall even *deeper* in love with her.

"No, no...I'd uh...be into it...under the...right circumstances...you know." All Rose could say back, in response, was "Okay!" This whole thing was *extremely awkward*, but they had to keep going. When they re-entered the room, Glimmer, Bow, Adora, and Catra were playing a mix of two games: Have You Ever and Truth or Dare. Glimmer insisted on it. She pointed to Bow: "Have you ever...set a ship on fire?" He smiled back and had a quick retort. "No, I haven't." He then extended his arm and pointed his finger right at Adora. "I dare you to tell us one secret about you and Catra that you haven't told anyone else." Adora looked at her feline girlfriend. She whispered in her ear at such a tone that Bow and Glimmer couldn't hear what she was saying, nor could Sage and Rose. Catra assented to telling the story because it would likely embarrass Arrow Boy and Sparkles once again. She was more than happy to do that.

As Rose and Sage watched from the side of the room, they saw Adora shifting around. She was clearly very nervous. "You know how our kiss saved the universe?" Bow and Glimmer nodded. Adora sighed. This would be very hard to say. She had promised her girlfriend she'd share it. She grimaced. "Well...there was *more* than that." Her friends looked at her and were clearly surprised. What did she mean? What was she talking about? She didn't want to say this. At the same time, she didn't want to keep secrets from them. "...I felt heat...in between...my legs...you know...what that's like..." Bow and Glimmer didn't know what she meant. Catra blurted it out. "I ate her out...and this sticky white liquid spurted on my face." Glimmer understood what she was saying *immediately*. She was extremely offended. How could she? How dare she! What was wrong with them? How could they do this. Glimmer was fuming. She couldn't believe this. It made her more angry than anything that day.

"Hold on a second. If I have this right, you two *fucked* while we are trying to survive Horde Prime?" Adora shrugged. It didn't seem like a big deal to her. Why was Glimmer upset? She didn't get it. "Sort of, I guess, but you know...if we hadn't done *that*, the universe would have been destroyed...and I wouldn't have the energy to green the planet and turn Prime's flagship into a tree...I guess." Bow and Glimmer stared at each other. Bow was confused. "So, you are saying that if you didn't do that...uh...*intimate thing*...Prime would have won?" Adora wasn’t sure how to answer his question. Catra jumped in.

"The kiss saved the universe, right? The...other stuff...was extra...who else would have the privilege of doing that with She-Ra except *me*?" Adora's face became as red as a ripe tomato. She cried out. "Catra!" Glimmer rolled her eyes at this. She wasn't sure how the other Princesses would react if they learned about this. She didn't want to tell them. If they knew, they'd likely get angry at them. I mean, wouldn't they act the same way as her? "Adora and...Catra...don't worry. I won't tell *anyone* about this." Bow nodded in agreement, then added, "I won't either." Adora grinned. "Thanks guys." Rose and Sage heard it all, sitting their silently. They were taking it all in. Sage didn't even attempt to cover her friend's ears. What even was the point?

Glimmer spoke next. "Okay, let's continue the game. Adora, it's your turn to choose someone." She pointed at her friend Glimmer, to her bewilderment. She wanted to get back at her. "Truth. Tell us about your first crush...on a girl." Her eyes shifted from side to side. She spoke softly. "It was...on you, Adora." No one could hear her. Catra teased her. "Come on Sparkles, SPEAK UP." She shouted. "Okay! It was on Adora! She was so attractive...and I think some of the other princesses felt the same way." Her blond-haired friend had no clue. What is the right way to respond to a friend who had (has?) a crush on you? She tried to take

it slow. She didn't want her new girlfriend to be jealous, although she wasn't sure if she had those feelings, since they'd been together, officially as a romantic couple, for such a short time.

"Thanks for telling me, Glimmer...I am usually really bad at spotting these kind of things...so thanks for being honest." Her friend smiled. She was appreciative. She blurted out by accident, "I *may* have had a crush on...Catra too." She covered her mouth. Oops. She wasn't supposed to say that. Adora chuckled. She then said, "yeah, well we could call you both Sparkle Kitten or something." Catra gritted her teeth at that. She didn't like the name for both of them. *She detested it.* She liked Glimmer as a friend. Anything more was completely out of the question. She never felt *that way* about her.

To keep the game going, Glimmer nudged Bow. "Come on. It's your turn, sweetie." He pointed at Catra. She knew this might be bad. "I dare you to tell us a secret that Adora doesn't even know!" The catgirl didn't want to do this. Adora could see she was in distress. She petted her ears and talked to her in a low, soft voice. She told her it would be okay, no matter what she said. They'd get through this. She promised her that she wouldn't judge her for what she said. She promised. They didn't have a good history with promises, as Catra still felt that Adora had violated her promises in the past.

"I used to go into the showers in the Fright Zone just so I could see Adora naked...even though I hate water so much...I bared it just so I could see her beautiful body every day." Glimmer and Bow said in unison, “Awww. That’s *so sweet*.” Catra's ears bristled. She was annoyed that they were saying this about her. Was it even okay? "No it's not!" she exclaimed. Adora pulled her closer, to her lap, and said, softly, "yeah, it is, my cute kitten. I know you and water don't mix... that's fine... everyone has different preferences, after all." She hugged her girlfriend, making her feel better after that revelation.

At that very moment, Sage and Rose announced their presence once again to the surprise of Bow, Glimmer, Adora, and Catra. How long had they been there? Had they heard *all of it*? How could they forget that they had guests? This was so incredibly embarrassing! Sage pointed across the room, breaking the tension. "Ah ha! I now know why we were sent here! That catgirl locator spell sent us to *you*." Her finger was pointing right at Catra. She growled. Her girlfriend stepped in, standing in front of her with her arms spread widely. "She is *a cat woman*, not a 'catgirl.' And she's *my* cat woman, no one elses!"

Rose tried to calm her down. She didn't expect this reaction from her. "Adora...we aren't trying to take anyone away from you." She paused. "My amazing...uh...friend...Sage was only explaining why we ended up in...Bright Moon." At that very moment, an idea came to Bow. He might not have the answer, but he knew *someone* who would. He tapped on his tracker pad. A video call went in, the signal somehow traveling through the air, connecting to communications towers that the Horde has set up to conduct their war. A disheveled purple-haired woman answered seconds later.

"Hi, Bow...I-I-I didn't expect you would be calling...I was just...doing some...*experimentation* with Hordak." This was the first time he had seen her like this. He almost felt like she wanted to get off the video call soon. She even appeared a little embarrassed. "So...what is it?" she said, clearly wanting this conversation to be over sooner than later. He looked at her. He had

the sense that with a few movements of her body, her clothes might just fall off. That couldn't be right, could it? "Well, we have these two guests...Rosemary and Sage...and they appeared in Bright Moon yesterday..." he started to say.

Entrapta cut him off. "Oh I remember...yeah, I've been tracking them since yesterday...so peculiar...especially that blue-haired one...I don't think the other one has magic..." She stared at him intensely. She wanted this to end. Then she could get back to doing what she did before. “Do you want to meet with them?” Bow asked. She nodded happily, then disappointment set in. She clapped her hands together. "I'd love that...I'll be clothed...you know that I have started to realize that clothes are *a prison*...they hold you down...I'm thinking I can do my best work naked..." Bow, clearly shamefaced, said, "Okay, I’m gonna hang up now!" Entrapta was sad. "Oh, that’s too bad. I was hoping you could join me. You know, your imperfections are beautiful and hiding your body under clothes is...well..."

Bow ended the call, his face becoming hot and light brown in certain parts. He couldn't believe her! "Okay! I'll talk to you later, Entrapta...I'll let you know when we are coming." He slumped on the ground, confused and embarrassed from the whole thing. Glimmer had overheard the entire conversation. Adora was worried. Catra was laughing her head off. She couldn't believe these people had caused the Horde so much trouble. "Maybe I should try this whole working naked thing...since she is doing it..." Glimmer shook her head. "No, no, you have to have clothes on in my presence! None of you can’t just be running around like a bunch of heathens!...I can't have that!" Catra rolled her eyes. "Fine. I'll do it for *you*." She smiled. Sage and Rose weren't sure what to make of Entrapta. Would she be naked when they met her? *How* could she even help them? *Why* was she tracking them? Bow answered some of their worries, as he could tell that they were concerned about her. The best he could would be to make his friendships stronger. "Entrapta is a master with tech. She helped build a portal to another world...if anyone can help...it's her."

His words made Sage and Rose feel *a little better*. Perhaps she wouldn't be so bad after all. That was their hope. Some time later, after they all changed into comfortable clothes, which were nothing too fancy or snazzy that could get dirty, Glimmer transported them in two groups to Entrapta's refurbished laboratory in Dryl. She didn't want to use too much magic or it would be difficult to get back, without walking a long way back to Bright Moon. She do that, but it would be an absolute pain. A young thirty-something woman waved at them. She was wearing dirty overalls and walking on her prehensile hair.

"Welcome to Dryl!" She came close to Sage and Rose. "Hi, I don't think I've met the two of you. I'm Entrapta." Without any prompting, Rose blurted out, "oh, the nudist inventor woman." She laughed nervously. She didn't want to be known as that. Not at all! She cleared her throat. "I'm uh...more than that...anyway...let's get inside.” As they did so, Sage moved to her side and tried to make up for Rose's rude, but true, statement. "I really like your...hair." She grinned back. "Thanks. I like your bluish hair too...it really suits you well." Sage smiled. She was happy to hear that. Rose didn't like this. She almost felt that Entrapta was flirting with her Sage, although in reality, the ex-princess was just trying to make small talk in the way she had taught herself to do.

She felt jealous that her good friend, who she was increasingly seeing as something more, was close with *another woman*. She quickly linked her arm with Sage, and declared, "It's so

great to be here with you, *my sweet blueberry*," while snickering. Sage couldn't stop herself from blushing. Catra saw this and stopped herself from rolling her eyes, knowing that Adora would judge her. She couldn't understand how in the world they weren't dating or in some sort of romantic relationship. Did they not see how close they were to each other? How? She didn't get it. Perhaps they were both incredibly dense.

Entrapta interrupted. She saw the dynamic between them almost immediately. "You two are so cute together...just like me and Hordak." Neither Sage nor Rose had met Hordak in person. They only knew of him because Adora, Catra, Glimmer, and Bow had mentioned him before. Neither one of them knew how to respond to her words. So, they both blushed at her praise, softly replying at the same time. "Thanks." Sage stopped herself from saying anything more. Rose added, "oh Sage, she is a *real treasure*. I couldn't be without her." While Rose's blush had faded, Sage's came back. She couldn't stop herself. Although she was glad that her friend was being honest, she was a bit embarrassed at the same time. Who wouldn't be, especially around someone you just met?

Not realizing these nuances, Entrapta was about to break through all of this in her typical way. That didn't happen because Hordak suddenly walked in, unannounced. "Hello to you all. You can call me whatever it is you like. I am no longer bound by Etherian constructs or your personal proclivities!" Entrapta chuckled a bit uneasily. He had been like this recently. She had somehow gotten used to it, although she struggled a bit with it at first. "What Hordak is *trying* to say is that you can use any of what you call 'pronouns' for him...he doesn't mind. It has been really...eye opening for me."

Rose and Sage didn't get her meaning at all. However, the others understood. Entrapta started scratching her head. She wanted to figure out this mystery, she knew she could. Nothing could stop her. "So, you came here with a catgirl locator spell, right?" The two close friends nodded. What could they tell her? Sage cleared her throat. "Yes, that's right. I'm the one who cast it. We gathered all the right ingredients and everything." Rose held her hand tightly. She would support her, no matter what. Her support gave Sage further confidence to keep going.

"One day, we met this...uh cat...woman...named Olive...and after that I came up with this spell to locate the nearest person like her...somehow we ended up here, on this planet you all call Etheria." She would have gone on on girls with cat-like features who lived in dungeons, spaceships, or had special powers, loved possessive men, or even dressed up like cats. She didn't mention another girl who somewhat resembled Catra, who she knew, nor that Olive could transform back and forth from her cat and human forms. That wasn't important to bring up.

Entrapta was confused. She started to wonder how in the world she could help them. She thought that maybe they'd be stuck on Etheria. Then it came to her with a flash. She may not be able to replicate the magic. Even so, she could just create a portal for them to go back to Lyngarth. That would work, right? Presumably, it would. She snickered. Nothing would go wrong, right?

"All I need is some First Ones tech. I can get you home...to Lyngarth!" she exclaimed. Adora shook her head. Catra, who had opened the portal because she was angry at Adora at the time and wanted to get back at her, was not a fan of this either. She growled at the suggestion. Her

girlfriend stood by her side. "I don't think that's a good idea...after the last portal..." she said. Bow nodded. Glimmer rolled her eyes. "We can't let this happen again." Entrapta sighed. She understood why they were skeptical. Hordak suddenly started speaking on her behalf, something which she deeply appreciated.

"That portal was mere child's play. It required a magical sword to work. Do not underestimate Entrapta. She can do this and keep the planet intact. *I completely trust her.* Nothing will go wrong." Entrapta came over and hugged Hordak tightly. Catra and Adora accepted it as fine, this time. Bow and Glimmer still weren't sure what to make of it, considering everything Hordak had done to the planet. Could they trust him on this? Or not? Even so, they weren't about to tell her she was wrong or to complain about the person she wanted to be with, romantically. That was her business.

Time went by so quickly. Catra, Adora, Bow, Glimmer, Rose, and Sage chattered with each other about everything under the sun. Somehow, Entrapta and Hordak had built a working portal, although they'd been stopped time, and again, with kissing sessions and subsequent blushing. Proud of what she and Hordak had done, she shouted, as loudly as she could, "It's finished. It is complete! You can go back home!" After bonding with the catgirl, arrow-boy, now-queen, and magical warrior, Rose and Sage were a little sad to leave. Even so, they knew they couldn't stay there forever. This was only temporary.

Their eyes teared up. "I'll miss you all," Sage said. Rose nodded solemnly. Her voice was failing her. Catra hugged her only seconds later, as she had bonded with her, while Glimmer, Bow, and Adora did the same with Sage, then followed with Rose. They had all become so close, even in a short time. They wouldn't be leaving her out. Entrapta turned on the portal. "This is the first test! I wanna make sure it works!" Hordak helped her stabilize it by fiddling with controls. She threw a teddy bear inside. It traveled through the plains of time and space, through a spacetime tunnel she had created.

It appeared on her scanners. Thanks to a transmitter, she could control it from her lab. It projected an image, as the bear walked around, terrifying the town residents. They were unsure what to make of it, and ran away in terror. The robot teddy bear recorded as it went, sending back transmissions instantaneously. "Is this Lyngarth?" Sage and Rose were amazed. They didn't know it would be possible. After all of this, they finally could go back. They'd see their parents, their friends, their teachers again. Entrapta turned off the portal for a second. She looked at them, giddily. She pulled out two devices from her pocket. She placed one in Rose's hand and another in Sage's hand. She ran over and placed the others, stuffed in another one of her pockets, into the hands of Catra and Glimmer.

"Here! You all have interstellar communicators. Even when you go back, you can all *still* talk with one another! You can become friends across galaxies! Universes! It is possible. There's no limit on friendship." Bow was impressed. "Thanks, Entrapta." She smiled back. "Anytime, Bow." While she had, from time to time, forgotten people's names, she had gotten better at remembering them, over time. She stared at Rose and Sage. She prepared to pull the lever. She had one more question to ask them. "Are you ready to go back to Lyngarth?" They answered in unison. "YES we are!"

She pulled the lever. Hordak used the controls near the portal's edge, on a bank of computers, to make sure the interdimensional tunnel remained stable. "Thank you all, for everything!" Sage exclaimed. Everyone waved at them. They stepped into the portal and went sliding through the plains of time and space so quickly they could barely comprehend it. They popped out on the street in front of the house of Sage's cousins, Anise and Aloe. At that very moment, almost like they expected them, a pale-skinned elf and her tan-skinned red-eyed wife, bounded out of their house.

"We are so worried about you, sweeties!" Aloe said. Anise had a look of concern on her face as well. Rose tried to calm their worries. Sage held her hand tightly. She wanted to make sure they didn't do anything rash. She calmly told them, "Well...we have returned...we are happy to tell you all about what we went through over some of your famous pancakes, tea, and sweets." The two women nodded. They all went back inside the house and closed the door. Sage and Rose were ready to share the tales of their wild adventure in the land beyond the stars.

End Notes

Part of this fic sprung from my recent rewatch of SPOP (before Netflix neeted it). In the final episode, the kiss between Adora and Catra begins (at 17:28), and less than a minute later (at 18:20), Adora emerges as She-Ra, walking out of some cave, and terraforms the world. However, Catra does not appear, until 20:53, and coming from a different direction than Adora! This fic attempts to answer why that is, while implying some certain stuff went on *after* they kissed.

As a quick aside, Adora, the series finale, does the equivalent of Korra in stripping someone of the bending. She kills the spirit/evil life force of Horde Prime! That goes further than what Korra would was shown doing in her series from what I remember.

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